age, it came to over Rs. 30, 000 per casualty Apart from that, we are also, in this particular scheme for revitalisation. The training will be given to the existing staff so that they can work in the mechanised from of mining which is going to take place in the new scheme

[*Translation*]

SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI Mr Speaker, Sir, Rs 12 crores are spent annually on the import of coking Coal Even though 17 years have passed after the Chasnala tragedy, the government has been spending a huge amount on import of Coking coal, all along I would like to know from the hon Minister whether it is not possible to utilise this money to make the Chasnala mines operational within one or tow years The second part of my question is that people working there fall victim to a peculiar kind of is disease It was suggested that a health centre should be opened to provide treatment to these people However, a health centre has not been opened even after 17 years of that targedy, Is the Government in possession of any figures relating to the total number of people affected by this disease and does the Government propose to provide any assistance to the families of those who have lost their lives due to this disease?

[*English*]

SHRI SONT OSH MOHAN DEV This Colliery has its peculiantices It is steeply inclined and highly grassy From a study it is known that up to 500 metres 76 4 million tonnes of coal is available But commer cially, we can go up to the level of 43 96 million tonnes of production and not beyond that As hon, Member has said, it is right that it is taking too long a time But unformtunately there was a death toll of 375 persons there because of the poor record keeping and poor knowlege of the position of worked mines on the part of the management New we are taking steps,on the securing of which some as alrady been done and on some other parts of securing the barrier is going on where there is water so that we are able to plug the loopholes and we are not taking any chance That is way we have involved for eign experts Once we are completely satisfied about the safety of workers, then only we will go for production Though we are losing time yet we are not taking any chance

About the other question of ailment, yes, there are certain ailments like lung diseases or tuberculosis which are hazardous and IISCO has already taken steps to have a specialised treatment centre for th steel plants as well as the coal mines we will take are to see that whatever medical facilities are necessary, they will be given by the IISCO

Concessions to Attract More Tourists

* 168 SHRI RABI RAY Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have chalked out a programme to attract more tourists,

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) the concessions which Government propose to offer to the tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM(SHRI M O H FAROOK) (a) and (b) The promotion of tourist traffic to India is a continuous process which include development of tourism infrastructure, publicity campaingns in the overseas markets cul tural programmes, seminars etc and inviting travel trade and media representatives to India under the hospital schemes

(c) Concessions/special packwage tours are offered by hotels, airlines and tour organ iser in the off seasons which various from tim to time

[*Translation*]

SHRI RABI RAY I would like to ask the hon Miniser whether it is a fact that there has beeen a decline in the revenu earnings from

tourism in the last two yars Is it due to lack of acilitels fior toursist that there has been a decline in the earnings?

[English]

SHRI M O H FAROOK In the visit India year of 1991, we have suffered as set back du to vanous development in the fulf region including the gulf War and its aftermath, world recession condtions, developments in the Soviet Union and other Eastern European countruiesetc India could, however a chieve a turn around intourist's arrival from the middle of 1991 I can give a litttle bit of information 1991 from January to June we have gone back to mimus 11 7% But from July to December we have turned it to 7 5 That goes to a 20% swing in the last year

[Translation]

SHRI RABI RAY Mr Speaker, Sir, I would like to know from the hon Minister wheether it is a fact that tourism industry is not growing due to lack of facilites for the low income group tourists, both foregn and domestic What special provisions are proposed to be made for the touriste bloging to low income group?

MR SPEAKER Are you doing som ethjing for the middl cvlass toursts?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) Efforts to make special provisions for the middle and low income groups of tourists are bing made Serveral steps have been taken in tjhis regard Camping tpoursim is one of them we have acheved sucess in it

Aprt from it an effort to open "Yatrikas" and living reasorts at reasonable rates is also being made The hon Member is well awre that the State Governments will have to play an important role in the implementation of the measures proposed in this regard The proposal should bemooted by them Thereafter, our work is to give clearance and provide funds to them The implenmting agencies mainly come under the State Governments A number of State Governments have adopted a constructive attitude we have recieved co-operation to a great xtent from soem state enjoments and a number of measures hav been taken We have revceivd infromation about it

When we take into account the total number of touruists visitng South East Asian countruies especially the cointreis of Southern Region, it seems that the number of tourists visting these countries is more than those who vist India For instance, the number of tourists visiting Singapore is 48 lakhs, Thailand 48 lakhs Malayasia 32 lakhs, Indonesia 16 lakhs, Srilanka 2 lakhs and India 17 lakhs It is evident from the above that the number of tourists coming to India is less However, if the average number of days the oursists spend in a country is taken into conseration, it willbe observed that on an average tourists stay ofr 3 3 days in sin gapore 7 6 days in Tailand, 4 6 days in malayasia and 11 6 days in Idonesia But in case of India it is 31 2 days If we take into account nights spent by tourists in country we come to know that 15 84 million tourist nights are sopent in Singapore, 36 48 million tourst nights in Thailand and 53 04 million for tourist nights in India

I am trying to give a cler reply to the hon Member, because I hve got infromation to this effct that tounsts belonging to middle clases come to India Although the numberof nights spent in our country is double, yet India earns a meagre amount of 1 4 million dollars as foreign exchange as compared to 2 9 billion dollars earned by Singapore It is evident that the number of tourists in middle and low income groups visting India is certainly more since 53 million tourist nights are spent in India by tourisfs, but the foreign exchange earrfed by India is less This shous that the schemes implented for the middle class tourists would privide a number of fcilities to them

SHRI AYUB KHAN Mr Speaker, Sir, is it not a fact that forty percent of the total

memebr of tourists visting the cpountry go to Rajasthan? Sixty one per cent area of Rajasthan is covered by dsert Despite being a deset area there are excellent places forts and many beautiful places in Rajasthan which attract tourists The Rajasthan Government hs submitted an eight point propoal for promotion of tourism Does the government propose to accept all the eight points Sekhwati circuit is one of them and it is particularly

MR SPEAKER This qustion relates to the entire country

SHRI AYUB KHAN Does the Government propose to accpet all the eight points so that Rajasthan could be turned turnd into an area of tourist attraction

MR SPEAKER Do you have any information in this regard?

SHRI MDHAVRAO SCINDIA A separate notice is requiredc to be given for this

[*Translation*]

Registation of New seerials

* 169 SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM
SHRI RAJESHKUMAR

Will the Minister of INFROMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whetehr the Doordarshan is not registering new serials for the last serveral months,

(b) if so, the reosn therefor,

(c) whether telecast of all old serials has been completed,

(d) if not, the time by which their telecast will continue and

(e) when registration of new serials is likely to be started ?

[*English*]

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) (a) Yes, sir No SSponsered serial are being regitered

(b) New registrations were stopped after 31,10 1990 by which time Doordarshan had already ecelved 3544 proposals against their invitation undor thenew sponsowship scheme

(c) and (d) No Sir The telecast of these serials will continue till December, 1992

(e) There is no proposal at present to start fresh registration of sponsored serials

[*Translation*]

SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM Mr Speaker, Sir, the impact of foreign serials on Doordarshan has beeen constantly increasing where as the Government is not giving due importance to the Indian serials I would like to know from the hon Minister the reasons therefor?

KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS Mr Speaker, Sir, in this regard, I have just submitted that we are not telecasting much foregin serials We have been telecasting all the Indian serials All the serials have been produced indigenously Films and telefilms are being telecast I would like infrom the hon Member that Indian serial are telecast on Door darshan

SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM Mr Speaker, Sir, I am not statisfied with the reply given by the hon Minister A large number of foreign serial are telecast on T V here It is not proper We should give more importance to Indian serials My second supplementary question is boaut the criteria followed for ap proual the srials Does Krishna' serial come under your criterial? If it is covered under the criteria when are you going to telecast it?